

**Government**

**FOR OR ON  
THE PEOPLE**

**"That this nation, under God,  
shall have a new birth of freedom,  
and that government of the people,  
by the people, for the people, shall  
not perish from the earth."**

**—Lincoln.**

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**A Social Credit Pamphlet**

**The Social Credit Government of Alberta, may prove to be the only Government in all America where the principles of Webster and Lincoln are observed and applied in the process of making and administering the laws of the country. Alberta today is the bastion of freedom!**



Government can be the best friend the people have, or it can be their worst enemy. It all depends on what policy the government follows.

There are only *two* fundamental policies that *can* guide the men who make up the government. They will either follow the principle that every law they make, every regulation they apply, and every legal decision they hand down *must* safeguard and enlarge the rights and liberties of individual human beings; or, on the other hand they will place higher value on statistical figures and upon a strong mythical State than upon human flesh and blood.

When the various Governments of Canada are measured by these standards **ONLY ONE** will be found to be giving government *for* the people; making and applying laws with the *one* idea in mind of giving every human being in its care the

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fullest possible opportunity to develop his personality to the limit of his capacity, and to find abundant and happy living. *That one is the Social Credit Government of Alberta.*

## **MAN OR SYSTEM**

Most governments will be found to be governments *on* the people. They are more concerned about strengthening the *System* than about the good and welfare of individual human beings. They pile upon their people impossible burdens of taxes and debt: they regulate, regiment, and push folks around as if they were cattle. Under such governments LIBERTY is rapidly fading away.

*It is providential that there is at least one government in Canada following the policy of government for the people.*

The Social Credit Government of Alberta looks upon human beings as children on one Father—God. Men and women are the most important things in the sight of the Great Creator. All other things on earth exist for the good and advancement of individual human beings. Government should exist to serve men and to help them. That is why the Social Credit Government in Alberta has done these wonderful things for Alberta people:

In the very first year of its administration, although they found themselves facing almost insurmountable problems and an income pitifully inadequate to meet

even the simplest needs, the Alberta Social Credit Government *put an end to borrowing*. Since that time they have so skilfully managed the finances of the Province that they have paid cash for everything they have done and at the same time have reduced the debt by more than sixty million dollars. The burdens upon *the people* have been made lighter. *Men, women and children are more important than systems!*

In the very first year of its life, the Social Credit Government of Alberta set out with determination to recover for the people their rightful heritage—the benefits to be derived from the resources with which kind Providence had endowed the Province. Wise policies of inducement to provide enterprise have resulted over the years in spectacular development of those resources. (A wise Government, *has recovered for human beings the fruits of resources development*.) All Albertans share in the returns from oil, gas, coal, timber, lands, fisheries, and indeed from all the good things to be found in the Province, and that without the hazards of Socialistic Government Ownership. The resources have been developed in the interests of all the people.

## HEALTH SERVICES

Social Credit Alberta leads all Provinces in providing for its citizens, free treatment of those diseases which require long and costly medical and hospital care, and which when they strike are likely to im-

poverish families. Free tuberculosis treatment and hospitalization; Free poliomyelitis care and after training; Free cancer surgery, X-ray, and radium treatment, are provided for all who live in Alberta! And, an expectant mother may have public ward service in any hospital free of charge for a ten-day period when her child is born. All this while actually reducing provincial tax burdens upon the people.

### **NO EXTRA TAX**

Alberta leads all other Provinces of Canada in the field of hospitalization. Last year the Social Credit Government provided special hospital grants to make it possible for every person in the Province to obtain public ward hospitalization at not more than one dollar per day! NO EXTRA TAX WAS IMPOSED UPON ALBERTANS TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. Compare this with what happens in Provinces where they have Governments on the people! IN THESE, THE PEOPLE EITHER GROAN UNDER ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TAX LOADS, OR THEY PAY FROM FIVE TO TEN DOLLARS A DAY FOR A HOSPITAL BED.

A Government for the people will know that the liberties and freedoms of individuals can be stolen from them through taxation. The Social Credit Government of Alberta started in 1937 to reduce the tax burden. In that year it abolished the Sales Tax. In 1948 this same government

removed the Social Service Tax of three mills against all real property in the Province. The government eased the burden of taxes in Municipalities, Cities and Towns by taking over the full cost of Old Age Pensions, Mothers' Allowances, and Child Welfare. They made greatly increased grants to School districts for education, and to municipalities for roads, all to help in lightening the tax load against the homes and lands of the people and to give human beings real liberty and security.

### **THIS YEAR**

And now, in this year 1951, the Social Credit Government has provided to all cities, towns, villages and municipalities in the Province, *tax reduction subsidies* which will ease the tax burden against real property by about 3½ mills.

All these things have been done without increasing one single Provincial tax or putting on one single new tax! **THIS IS GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE!**

Some folks will at once jump to the conclusion that the Social Credit Government of Alberta did all these things, and more than space here will permit us to mention, because they were lucky enough to strike oil. Any informed person knows that many of the benefits Albertans now enjoy were given them YEARS BEFORE oil in any quantity was found in Alberta.

Moreover, what Alberta has done, any Province in Canada could do if they really

followed a policy of Government FOR the people.

The table following this article shows clearly the comparison of per captia personal incomes in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Ontario for the years 1942 to 1949 (the last year for which such figures are available). From the table you can see that, although Alberta did find oil, the average of personal income of Albertans for those years was *less* than that of either British Columbia or Ontario; and only slightly more than that of Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan's larger farm income, and British Columbia's vast lumber and mineral and fisheries incomes, together with the fact that Alberta pays the highest freight rates of any Province in Canada, made the difference in personal income.

### **FOR THE PEOPLE**

But, out of the resources development the Government of Alberta has recovered for the people as a whole, large sums of money with which they have reduced the debt, substantially eased the tax load on the people and extended to all Albertans the highest level of Social Security benefits in all Canada.

**WHAT ALBERTA IS DOING, ALL CANADA CAN DO!**

The difference in results arises from the difference in policy. **IN SOCIAL CREDIT ALBERTA IT HAS BEEN AND IS GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE.**

Table of comparative per capita incomes  
in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatche-  
wan and Ontario.

Year	Alta.	B.C.	Sask.	Ont.
1942	671.	745.	667.	779.
1943	612.	839.	567.	890.
1944	721.	840.	797.	906.
1945	673.	881.	639.	941.
1946	814.	899.	726.	924.
1947	852.	973.	746.	974.
1948	1,019.	1,049.	933.	1,068.
1949	1,009.	1,068.	961.	1,111.

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